

How to Catch an Elf

The book cover features a dark blue background with a light blue, wavy horizon line at the bottom. The title "How to Catch an Elf" is written in a large, white, stylized font. The word "How" is at the top left, "to" is below it, "Catch" is in the middle, and "an Elf" is on the right. The word "Elf" is particularly large and is formed by several red and white striped candy canes. There are several red and white swirl candies scattered around the title. On the right side, a cartoon elf is visible, wearing a green suit, a blue hat, and red and white striped socks. He is holding a blue and yellow striped gift box. The background is decorated with yellow stars and a yellow sun or moon in the upper right corner.

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It's **CHRISTMAS EVE!** Hip hip, hooray!
Yes, Santa's coming 'round.
He's bringing toys to girls and boys
in every house in town!



Some kids have tried to catch him,
but Santa's fast, you see!

So they've set their eyes on a smaller prize,
and now they're after ***me!***





I'm not my friend upon a shelf
who comes each year and sits.
No, I've got style, and I've got grace.
I'm the elf that **NEVER** quits!





Now Santa's ready—time to go.

I'm sure your traps are **SCARY!**

I'll do my best to dodge them all
and leave you feeling merry!



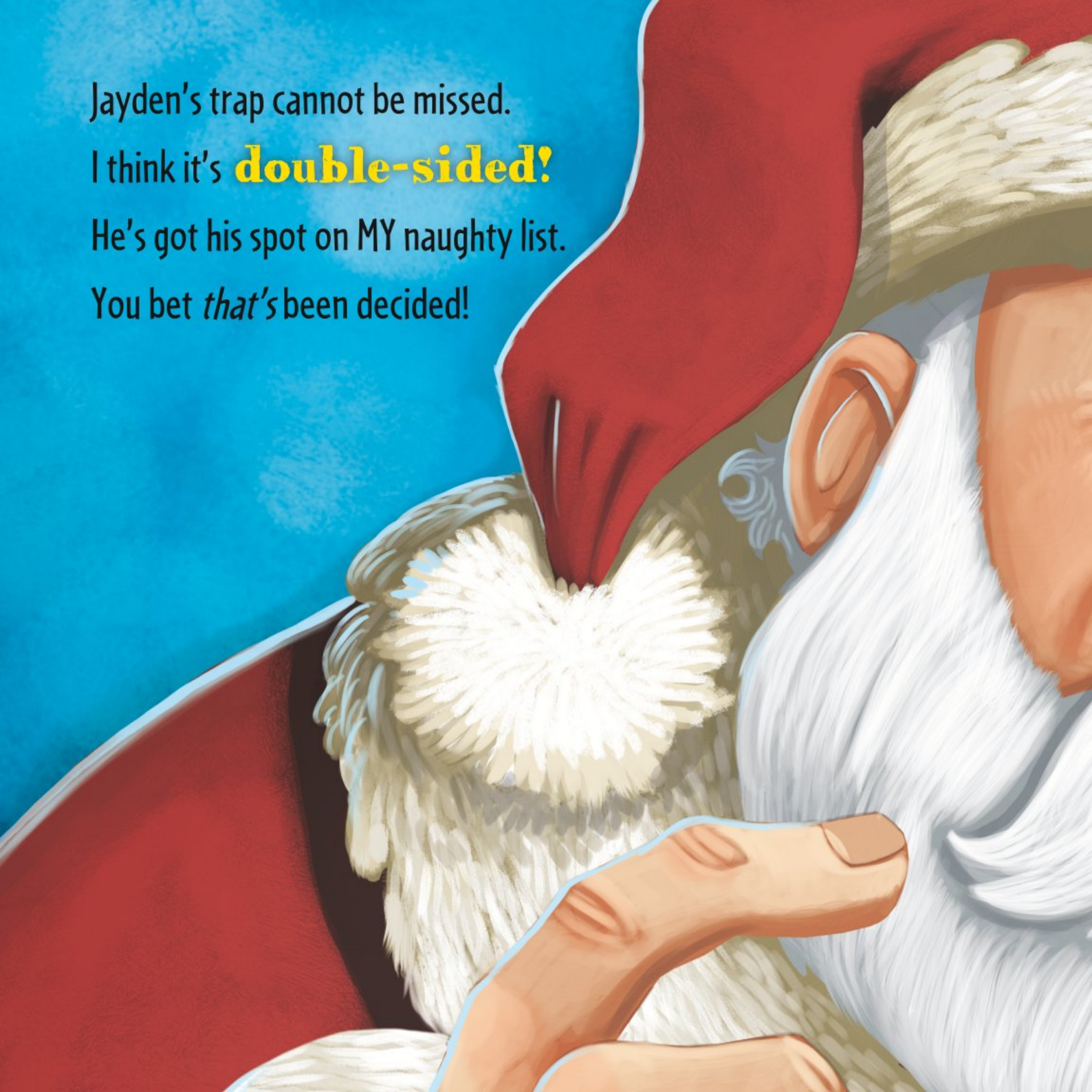




In I go, to Emma's house,
to make sure all is clear.
A **TINSEL** net? Oh, that's just fun!
I won't get caught in here!



Jayden's trap cannot be missed.
I think it's **double-sided!**
He's got his spot on MY naughty list.
You bet *that's* been decided!



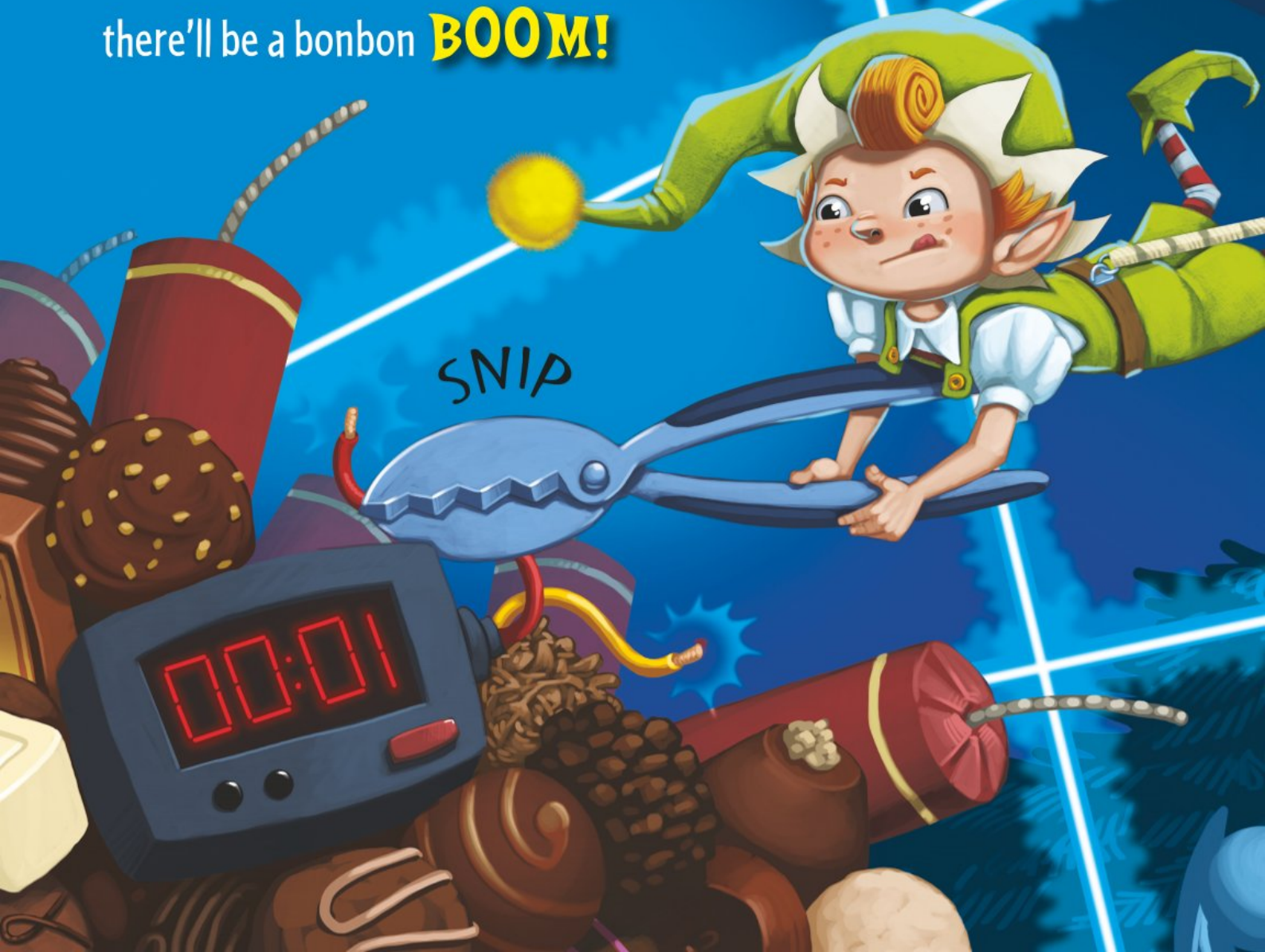


Another house is filled with treats.
These kids are getting smarter!
I can't resist the *candy canes*.
My job is getting harder!





Santa slowly lowers me
into a dangerous room.
If I touch down, he won't just frown . . .
there'll be a bonbon **BOOM!**







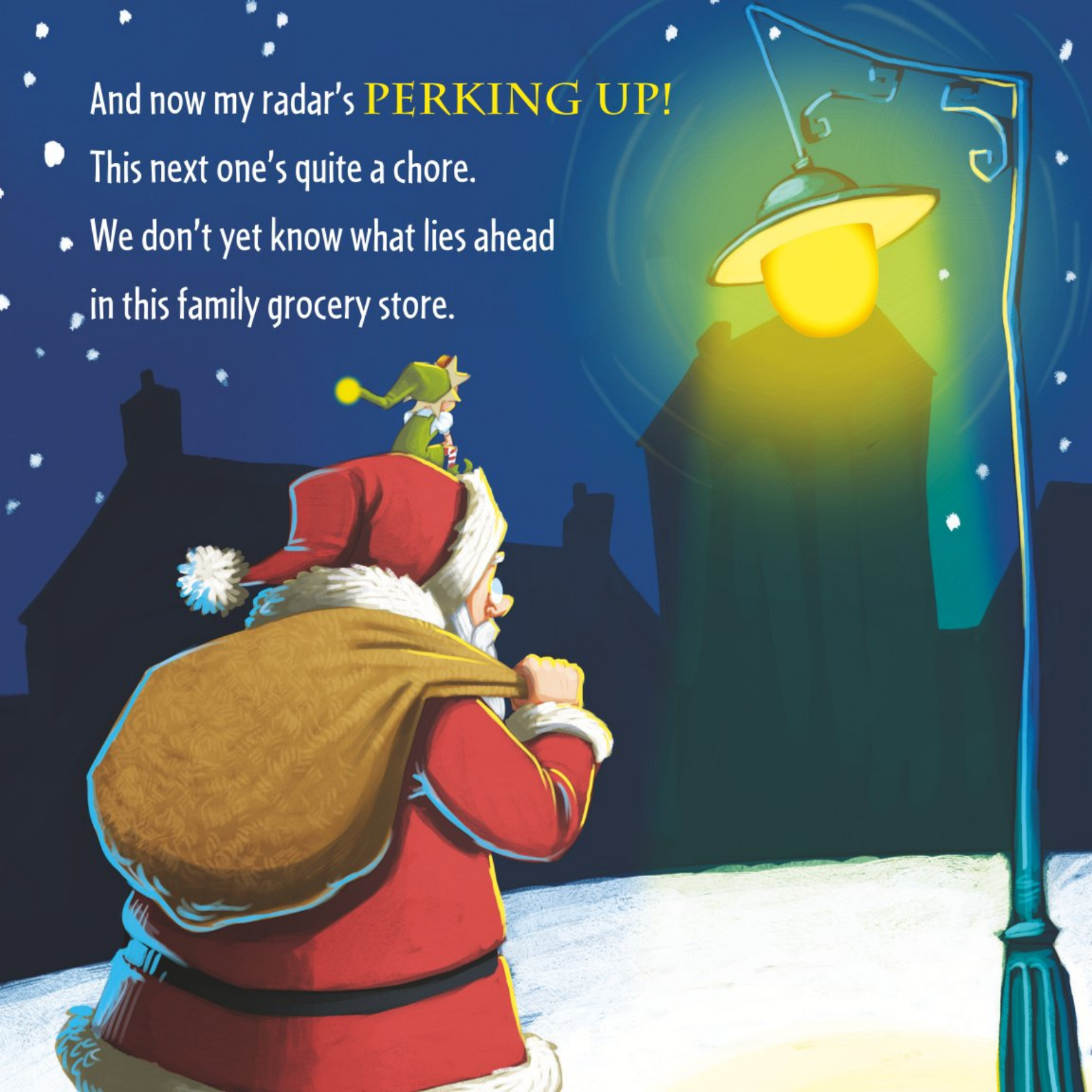
Your Christmas maze is all laid out.
My work's no longer cushy.
I safely brought you all your gifts,
but, HEY, you **ZAPPED** my tushy!



And now my radar's **PERKING UP!**

This next one's quite a chore.

We don't yet know what lies ahead
in this family grocery store.







We run inside and get caught up
in an **AVALANCHE** of food!
We've seen all kinds of traps before,
but not to this magnitude!



THE DINNER CANNON™ burps and spits
and shoots out ham and gravy!
And then it follows with dessert?!
Please, Santa, will you save me?





We tumble down the waterfall
above the eggnog river,
but Santa and I are an **AWESOME** team...









Together, we deliver!

And now it's time for us to leave.
Our night is nearly done.
You tried your best this Christmas Eve,
so ...





**MERRY
CHRISTMAS,
EVERYONE!**



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It's Christmas Eve. Your traps are set.
You've made your secret plans.

And now I'm coming to your house.

SO CATCH ME, IF YOU CAN!



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